

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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SECURITY COVER TO OIL AND GAS PIPLINES

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur pipeline's under water link with the oil and gas fields of the Mumbai coast is vulnerable to terrorists attack, which might bring the activities in almost half of the country to a grinding halt;
- (b) if so, whether no security agency is prepared to provide security cover to the 500 metre periphery around the oil platforms to save the pipelines from severe damage;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the remedial measures the Government propose to take to provide complete security to the entire region of the HBJ pipelines?

Answer

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PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) to (d) The threat perception and vulnerability of various oil installations including Hazira-Bijaipur-Jagdishpur pipeline's under water link with the oil and gas fields of the Mumbai coast, has intensified due to recent terrorist activities in different parts of the country. Security of oil installations are reviewed from time to time internally by the concerned oil PSUs as well as by the Government. Recently a high level Security Committee has been constituted under the Chairmanship of Secretary (P&NG) with representative from Oil PSUs, Security Agencies, some of the State Police Departments, as members of this Committee. The Committee reviews and recommends security of oil installations and measures to strengthen the security. Adequate security has been provided for oil installations and there is no let up in this regard.